Alberta Population Report

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Population Estimates

Between April 1, 2007 and April 1, 2008, Alberta's population increased by 1.82%, the fastest growth among the provinces, but much slower than the previous twelve months. In the first quarter of 2008, Alberta had a small gain in interprovincial migration after two consecutive quarters of net interprovincial outflows. The net inflow of international migrants remained strong in this quarter.

Table 1 provides the population estimates and yearly growth rates for Alberta and Canada. As shown in this table, Alberta's population was estimated to be 3,512,368 on April 1, 2008. This represents a yearly growth of approximately 62,800 persons (or 1.82%) for the year ending April 1, 2008, comparing to a growth of 101,900 people (or 3.04%) for the period ending April 1, 2007. Although Alberta's population growth for the past twelve months was the lowest in four years, it was still 70% higher than the national average of 1.07%.

TABLE 1: **POPULATION & GROWTH RATES CANADA & ALBERTA**

	Population			Yearly Growth Rate	
Apr 1	Canada	Alberta	Apr 1	Canada	Alberta
2004	31,894,707	3,195,351			
2005	32,305,936	3,256,864	2005	0.98%	1.93%
2006	32,543,059	3,347,675	2006	1.05%	2.79%
2007	32,870,726	3,449,527	2007	1.01%	3.04%
2008	33,223,840	3,512,368	2008	1.07%	1.82%

Source: Statistics Canada

Table 2 presents the population estimates for April 1, 2008 for all provinces and territories and the growth rates since April 1, 2007. As shown, Saskatchewan and British Columbia had the next fastest growth rates among the provinces at 1.80% and 1.49% respectively.

Migration

During the first quarter of 2008 (January 1 to March 31), Alberta had a rebound in interprovincial migration after two consecutive quarterly losses of interprovincial migrants. The province gained 710 people in interprovincial migration, as compared to a net loss of 880 in the fourth quarter of 2007.

As revealed in Table 3, the continued net inflows of migrants from Ontario (2,200) and Quebec (960) to Alberta more than offset the net outflows of Albertans to British Columbia (1,960) and Saskatchewan (1,050) in the first quarter of 2008. In addition, Alberta's renewed gain of people (170) from Newfoundland, comparing to a loss of 400 in the previous quarter, also contributed to the rebound in this quarter.

Between January 1 and March 31 of 2008, Alberta's international migration remained strong with a net inflow of 4,400 international migrants settling in Alberta.

Natural Increase

In the first quarter, Alberta had a natural increase (births minus deaths) of approximately 5,400 people. The province experienced 10,900 births and 5,500 deaths between January 1 and March 31 of 2008.

More details of the demographic data are available from Economics and Statistics of Alberta Finance and Enterprise.

TABLE 2: **POPULATION OF PROVINCES/TERRITORIES AS OF APRIL 1, 2008 & GROWTH RATES SINCE APRIL 1, 2007**

	NL.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	ALTA.	B.C.	Y.T.	N.W.T.	NVT.
Population	508,270	139,407	935,962	751,527	7,744,530	12,891,787	1,196,291	1,010,146	3,512,368	4,428,356	31,530	42,514	31,152
Growth Rate	0.30%	0.76%	0.26%	0.36%	0.77%	0.99%	1.10%	1.80%	1.82%	1.49%	2.30%	0.47%	1.22%

Source: Statistics Canada

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TABLE 3: ORIGIN & DESTINATION OF INTERPROVINCIAL MIGRANTS
JANUARY 1 TO MARCH 31, 2008

Origin	Destination												
	NL	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	AB.	B.C.	Y.T.	NWT	NVT.
Nfld and Lab.	0	70	419	108	33	746	10	33	1,241	154	0	68	41
Prince Edward I.	90	0	168	125	0	165	8	11	324	19	0	0	0
Nova Scotia	374	151	0	611	125	1,196	82	121	1,088	372	29	18	7
New Brunswick	35	173	659	0	309	904	40	41	839	181	0	5	7
Quebec	33	66	148	370	0	3,521	69	183	1,641	697	21	7	45
Ontario	1,300	197	1,320	895	2,930	0	1,313	838	6,374	3,585	84	102	57
Manitoba	34	8	45	41	135	1,061	0	516	1,426	618	37	64	10
Saskatchewan	32	0	55	31	124	455	529	0	2,506	808	0	12	0
Alberta	1,074	147	1,135	788	679	4,173	1,402	3,558	0	6,871	75	166	7
British Columbia	120	46	510	261	594	3,438	560	997	4,912	0	226	80	59
Yukon Territory	0	0	19	0	8	46	0	15	93	111	0	6	0
Northwest Terr.	9	52	63	22	21	136	35	57	242	84	0	0	87
Nunavut Terr.	28	0	26	47	35	80	14	32	102	13	0	70	0

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	AB.	B.C.	Yukon	NWT	NVT.
In Migration	3,129	910	4,567	3,299	4,993	15,921	4,062	6,402	20,788	13,513	472	598	320
Out Migration	2,923	910	4,174	3,193	6,801	18,995	3,995	4,552	20,075	11,803	298	808	447
Net Migration	206	0	393	106	-1,808	-3,074	67	1,850	713	1,710	174	-210	-127

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Alberta Migration by Quarter

Quarter	Interprovincial Migration			International Migration					Total	NPR*	Total+NPR
	In	Out	Net Interprovincial	Immigrants	Emigrants	Net Temporary Emigrants	Returning Emigrants	Net International Migration	Total Net Migration	Net Non-Permanent Residents	Net Migration Including Net NPR
2004											
Jan-Mar	13,869	10,671	**3,198**	4,072	940	633	530	**3,029**	**6,227**	464	**6,691**
Apr-Jun	17,684	14,966	**2,718**	4,605	1,184	703	918	**3,636**	**6,354**	504	**6,858**
Jul-Sep	21,696	14,993	**6,703**	4,521	1,974	946	1,428	**3,029**	**9,732**	1,029	**10,761**
Oct-Dec	15,371	8,642	**6,729**	3,274	1,052	675	597	**2,144**	**8,873**	243	**9,116**
Total	*68,620*	*49,272*	***19,348***	*16,472*	*5,150*	*2,957*	*3,473*	***11,838***	***31,186***	***2,240***	***33,426***
2005											
Jan-Mar	19,030	10,095	**8,935**	4,355	878	625	568	**3,420**	**12,355**	444	**12,799**
Apr-Jun	26,321	14,265	**12,056**	5,291	1,097	689	1,050	**4,555**	**16,611**	927	**17,538**
Jul-Sep	25,027	14,877	**10,150**	5,591	1,995	946	1,428	**4,078**	**14,228**	1,608	**15,836**
Oct-Dec	20,832	7,005	**13,827**	4,168	1,060	674	597	**3,031**	**16,858**	208	**17,066**
Total	*91,210*	*46,242*	***44,968***	*19,405*	*5,030*	*2,934*	*3,643*	***15,084***	***60,052***	***3,187***	***63,239***
2006											
Jan-Mar	23,159	10,849	**12,310**	4,727	883	624	568	**3,788**	**16,098**	1,383	**17,481**
Apr-Jun	22,816	13,308	**9,508**	5,445	1,104	687	1,050	**4,704**	**14,212**	2,159	**16,371**
Jul-Sep	47,351	22,816	**24,535**	5,713	2,015	949	1,428	**4,177**	**28,712**	2,419	**31,131**
Oct-Dec	28,596	16,783	**11,813**	4,832	1,067	674	597	**3,688**	**15,501**	996	**16,497**
Total	*121,922*	*63,756*	***58,166***	*20,717*	*5,069*	*2,934*	*3,643*	***16,357***	***74,523***	***6,957***	***81,480***
2007											
Jan-Mar	25,389	18,005	**7,384**	4,012	889	623	568	**3,068**	**10,452**	3,587	**14,039**
Apr-Jun	30,105	22,668	**7,437**	5,559	1,111	687	1,050	**4,811**	**12,248**	5,389	**17,637**
Jul-Sep	29,374	32,690	**-3,316**	6,166	2,035	949	1,428	**4,610**	**1,294**	**4,750**	**6,044**
Oct-Dec	17,577	18,457	**-880**	5,086	1,075	674	597	**3,934**	**3,054**	2,468	**5,522**
Total	*102,445*	*91,820*	***10,625***	*20,823*	*5,110*	*2,933*	*3,643*	***16,423***	***27,048***	***16,194***	***43,242***
2008											
Jan-Mar	20,788	20,075	**713**	5,346	893	623	568	**4,398**	**5,111**	4,005	**9,116**
Apr-Jun	n/a	n/a	**n/a**	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	**n/a**	**n/a**	n/a	**n/a**
Jul-Sep	n/a	n/a	**n/a**	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	**n/a**	**n/a**	n/a	**n/a**
Oct-Dec	n/a	n/a	**n/a**	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	**n/a**	**n/a**	n/a	**n/a**
Total	*20,788*	*20,075*	***713***	*5,346*	*893*	*623*	*568*	***4,398***	***5,111***	***4,005***	***9,116***

* Estimates of non-permanent residents (NPRs) represent the number of non-permanent residents living in Canada. The five following groups are referred to as NPRs: (1) persons residing in Canada claiming refugee status; (2) persons residing in Canada who hold a study permit; (3) persons residing in Canada who hold a work permit; (4) persons residing in Canada who hold a Minister's permit; (5) all non-Canadian born dependants of persons claiming refugee status, or of persons holding study permits, work permits or Minister's permits and living in Canada.

Source: Statistics Canada

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